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ABIDING BY VIRGINIA'S ALCOHOL LAWS

Abiding by Virginia's alcohol laws is important as you build your career with the Army. Knowledge of the laws and related penalties is a first step in keeping your record clean.

Did you know that many of Virginia's alcohol and related offenses are punishable by mandatory fines and jail sentences?

A conviction on your record could limit your future as well as your opportunities for promotions, a security clearance, civilian law enforcement positions and employment with some government contractors. Think about it. Don't let alcohol stand in the way of your future.

The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control appreciates your willingness to serve our country and comply with Virginia's laws.



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

EXAMPLES OF PENALTIES IN VIRGINIA

- Operating a motor vehicle, including mopeds, under the influence of alcohol or drugs is punishable by the following:
 - A *first* and *second* DUI offense is punishable by up to 12 months in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500. These are the *maximum* penalties.
 - Mandatory *minimum* penalties for a *first* DUI offense include a fine of at least \$250, five days in jail for a BAC .15 or higher and 10 days in jail for BAC .20 or higher.
 - Mandatory *minimum* penalties for a *second* DUI offense include a fine of at least \$500 and 20 days in jail.
 - Mandatory *minimum* penalties for a *third* DUI offense include a Class 6 felony charge, a fine of at least \$1,000 and six months in jail. Third offense DUI conviction authorizes the state to permanently confiscate your motor vehicle.
- In addition to the penalties for DUI, any person who commits the offense while transporting a person 17 years of age or younger, shall be fined an additional minimum of \$500 and an additional minimum of five days in jail.
- In addition to the penalties for DUI, refusal to take a breath test will result in the suspension of an offender's driver's license for one year. Penalties for subsequent offenses are increased.
- A driver under age 21 who operates a motor vehicle, including mopeds, under the influence of any amount of alcohol may be punished by up to 12 months in jail, a fine up to \$2,500, and suspension of his/her driver's license for 12 months. The minimum fine is \$500 and the court may impose alternative penalties.
- Any person under age 21, who consumes, purchases, possesses, or attempts to consume, purchase, or possess an alcoholic beverage faces up to 12 months in jail, a fine up to \$2,500, and suspension of his/her driver's license for 6 to 12 months. The mandatory minimum is \$500, however, the court may impose alternative penalties.
- Any person who manufactures, sells, possesses a FAKE ID to establish false identity or false age to purchase alcohol faces up to 12 months in jail, a fine up to \$2,500, and suspension of their driver's license for 6 to 12 months. The minimum is \$500, however, the court may impose alternative penalties.
- It is illegal to purchase or give alcohol to a person less than 21 years of age. Offenders face up to 12 months in jail, a fine up to \$2,500, and suspension of their driver's license for up to 12 months.